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Press Release

The Dodge County Highway Safety Commission wants to remind motorists that Headlights must be on in adverse weather conditions.

This new law went in effect in March 2016

This law requires drivers to turn on headlights when weather conditions limit visibility. Limited visibility means you can't see something 500-ft away, which is a little less than two high school football fields.

Joel Kiesow, Dodge County Highway Safety Coordinator said, "Now if it's raining, snowing, foggy or if there's any condition that limits visibility and prevents you from seeing 500 feet in front of your vehicle, drivers must turn on their headlights." "Don't rely on (Automatic Headlights) during daylight hours, you will have to manually turn on your headlamps in adverse conditions."

Wisconsin is one of the final states to enact a headlights law that is specific to adverse weather or reduced visibility. According to AAA, Hawaii and Kentucky are the only other states without specific laws.

Motorists also should be prepared for inclement weather. Before traveling, they can check current road conditions, traffic delays and incident alerts by downloading the free 511 Wisconsin smartphone app, following @511WI on Twitter, or visiting www.511wi.gov. WINTER WEATHER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS